Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mount Rushmore National Memorial welcomes people of all cultures and backgrounds to the Black Hills of South Dakota to reflect on this icon of freedom and democracy; and,

Whereas, The National Park Service works to preserve and protect unique natural and cultural resources through educational programming, special exhibits and conservation of the mountain carving at Mount Rushmore National Memorial; and,

Whereas, For the past 77 years, the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society has supported the National Park Service in its efforts to preserve, educate and celebrate the sculpture and all that it represents to all people; and,

Whereas, The Mount Rushmore History Association, in conjunction with the National Park Service and the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, have developed a new award-winning, self-guided audio tour to expand visitors' overall understanding and enjoyment of the memorial; and,

Whereas, Xanterra Parks and Resorts works closely with the National Park Service to provide a memorable visitor experience while promoting environmental stewardship; and,

Whereas, Mount Rushmore National Memorial works closely with all of its partnering organizations to tell the stories and share the cultures of all Americans connected to this site through special events, publications and family programming while striving to make each visitor's experience a memory that will last a lifetime:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2007, as

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State